State/Union Territory	Consumption April–January 1994-95 (Provisional) (TMT)
E. *SOUTHERN REGION*	
Andhra Pradesh	3357.9
Kerala	1953 0
Tamil Nadu	4591.3
Karnataka	2618.2
Lakshadeep	0.4
Pondicherry	126 6
TOTAL (Southern Region)	12667.3
GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	53345.7

Increase in the Supply of Kerosene to Gujarat

3689. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has sent any request to inclease the supply to kerosene to Vadodra Surat, Bharuch and Panchmahal district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA):(a) to (c) The Central Government makes only bulk allocation of kersosene to the States| UTs. and its district-wise allocation is the responsibility of the State Government.

Production of Paraffin wax, Type II by SSI Units

3690. SHRI S. MUTHUMANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SSI units in the country are capable of production Paraffin Wax Type-II from the slack wax of IOC, Barauni;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IOC Barauni is not releasing slack wax to SSI Units which are capable of producing Paraffin Wax Type-II, for production thereof from the slack wax;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not releasing slack wax for the production of Paraffin Wax Type-II by the SSI Units;

(d) what is the total quantity of slack wax released to SSI Units during 1993-94 for Paraffin Wax Type-II and III separately; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the country is importing Paraffin Wax Type-II in large quantities and it is distributed on subscribed rates, though the local SSI Units are capable of producing it from the slack wax available from the Indian Oil Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (e) Presently slack wax in the country is produced by the refineries at Barauni, Haldia and Madras. The slack wax produced is supplied to all authorised slack wax processing units registered with Director of Industries to produce type III paraffin wax, which is also certified by BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards). The bulk of quantity is supplied from Barauni Refinery and to a limited extent from MRL and Haldia. For the year 1993-94 the following quantity of slack wax was released to eligible units:

(In MT)

SLACK WAX	*Barauni*	*Haldia*	*MRL*
1993-94	31109	11651	198

Import of paraffin wax type-II is made to supplement the indigenous availability and is marketed under administered pricing scheme at a subsidised rate.

Irregularities in the Investment of Oil Industry Development Fund

3691. SHRI T. VENKATARAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has completed investigations into the alleged irregularities in investment of the Oil Industry Development Fund during the first half of 1992;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Investigation has been conducted by the Cental Bureau of Investigation into the alleged irregularities in the investment of the oil Industry Development Board's funds with the Syndicate Bank. The matter is under scrutiny by the CBI.

रसोई गैस सिलेंडर के डिलीवरी मैनों को स्प्रिंग बैलेंस प्रदान करना

3692. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार निर्धारित भार से कम गैस वाले सिलिंडरों की समस्या से निपटने के लिय रसोई गैस एजेंसियों को अपने डिलिवरी मैनों को स्प्रिंग बैलन्स जारी करने का निर्देश देने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) जी, नही । तल उद्योग द्वारा विगत में डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों के डिलिवरी कर्मचारियों द्वारा स्प्रिंग किस्म के भारोतोलक संयंत्र साथ लेकर चलने के बारे में परीक्षण किया गया था, लेकिन यह प्रभावकारी सिद्ध नहीं हुआ है, क्योंकि स्प्रिंग वाले भारोतोलक बार-बार प्रचालन की वजह से तनाव रहित हो जाने के कारण सही वजन नहीं बताते हैं।

Reducing Pollution around Taj Mahal Mahal

3693. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: